

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MARCH 5, 2019, 10:00 A.M.
COMMISSIONERS/COUNCIL MEETING ROOM, #203

The Franklin County Commissioners met in regular meeting on March 5, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners/Council Meeting Room. Those present were Tom Wilson, Tom Linkel, Gerald Wendel, Carol Westerman, Commissioner's Secretary and Karla Bauman, Franklin County Auditor.

The meeting was opened and pledge of allegiance led by President, Tom Wilson.

DRAINAGE BOARD MEETING: Tom Wilson opened the Drainage Board meeting. Grant Reeves presented a proposed Certification of Assessments for the Jeff Myer Ditch for reconstruction costs for the Drainage Board's approval. Said certification will then be filed with the Franklin County Auditor's office to be added to the 2019 property tax bills. The interest rate will be 3.75% on any deferred payments. **Motion to approve the Certificate for the Jeff Myer Ditch reconstruction by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.**

Tom Wilson moved to close the Drainage Board meeting and open the regular Commissioner meeting, seconded by Tom Linkel, all in favor, motion carried.

Grant Reeves, Attorney – Updating APC Membership: Mr. Reeves gave a presentation to the Commissioners on how the APC membership is made up. In particular the representation on the APC board by the municipalities. Indiana law provides for six (6) County positions, a commissioner, a council member, a school representative, agricultural or surveyor and two citizen members. The Town of Brookville appoints a member due to the town's population. The APC has no legal say in their membership. Mr. Wilson stated he would like to take some time to think about this. Mr. Reeves stated that regardless of which way Commissioners would like to proceed, the County Executive would need to do a formal adoption. If Commissioners should decide that they want to have representation on the Board different then what Indiana Code allows, they could do so by an agreement. Commissioners took this under advisement and will discuss at their March 12, 2019 meeting.

David Minger – Utilities (Fiber): David Minger of O.R. Colan, LLC, came before the Commissioners seeking information in regards to roads in Franklin County and existing utility easements that his firm would like to use to lay conduit carrying fiber optic cable. Mr. Minger was seeking a utility permit from the county to allow them to bury the conduit along 83 parcels. Mr. Wilson informed him that the County has dedicated right-of-way for only the traveled portion of the road unless noted in the deed. Mr. Minger stated that his firm has not yet done the deed research. He also stated that his firm would negotiate any easements with the property owners, if necessary. Mrs. Simmermeyer asked from the audience if the Commissioners would hold a public hearing before creating any new right-of-way and Mr. Wilson stated that they would hold a public hearing but also stated that he didn't see a reason for the County to obtain additional rights-of-way at this time.

Contractual Services – Health Department: There were several contracts given to the Commissioners by the Health Department for their approval, as well as some grants. **Motion to**

approve the three contracts for services with Linda Vaughn, Fayette Hay and Tiffany Britton by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Minutes: February 26, 2019: Motion to approve the February 26, 2019 minutes by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Approve Claims: Motion to approve the claims by Tom Linkel, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

LPA Voucher – USI Bridge Inspection: Motion for Tom Linkel as the ERC to sign the LPA Voucher for USI Bridge Inspection by Tom Wilson, seconded by Gerald Wendel, all in favor, motion carried.

Request for Federal Authorization (St. Mary's Rd.): Commissioners reviewed the request. Motion to sign upon confirmation of the information by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Highway Budget Discussion: Tom Linkel stated that following the Webinar on March 1, 2019, he was pleased to see that chip and seal is an approved expenditure for the MVH restricted fund use. Auditor Bauman requested permission from the Commissioners to "re-do" the Highway budget for 2019 under Fund 1176 according to the Webinar. Auditor Bauman further explained that she would need to understand how the system will track both funds 1176 and 1173, as the system does not allow a way to do sub-funds as required by State Board of Accounts. She further stated that there is no financial system used by any County that is capable of doing sub-funds. **Motion to give the Auditor permission to do her best with making changes to Fund 1176 2019 budget by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

The Commissioners also discussed emergency conditions along several roads due to slides. Commissioners discussed conditions on Whistle Creek, Sanes Creek, Schwegman Road and Standard Materials Road. **Commissioners declared an emergency on Whistle Creek, Sanes Creek, Schwegman Road and Standard Materials road.**

Auditor Bauman requested clarification on a prior motion made by the Commissioners in regards to the accrual of sick days by employees during their first year of employment in particular for new employees hired in 2018. She stated that some offices were still accruing sick leave for their employees every 52 days. Mr. Linkel stated that all employees hired in 2018 should be receiving their yearly sick days on January 1, 2019 regardless of when they were hired in 2018. **Motion for all employees hired in 2018 to receive their sick days for 2019 on January 1, 2019 by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.**

There was also a discussion in regards to the recordkeeping of time by the employees, whether or not it should be by the tenth or quarter. Mr. Linkel confirmed that the recordkeeping for time for the employees should be done by the tenth. Issues with overtime and comp time will be discussed at a future meeting.

Public Comments: Mr. Estridge asked the Commissioners what their thoughts were on the Golf Course purchase and annexation by the Town. Both Mr. Wilson and Mr. Linkel stated that they had not seen a map of the area that was promised to them following the joint meeting held last

October. The motion to not oppose the annexation by the town was contingent upon the map being presented to Commissioners. Mr. Wilson further stated that he has not seen any financial information on the proposed annexation and that there are a lot of rumors being spread. He also said that the annexation issue is splitting the town apart. Nobody can answer who is part of the LLC that is investing in the purchase of the golf course. Mr. Wendel stated that he thought it was a bad precedent for the Town to buy a business like this, however, he was not opposed if they want to just buy the golf course.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn by Tom Linkel, seconded by Tom Wilson, all in favor, motion carried.

Others Present: Mark R. Simmermeyer, Mildred I. Simmermeyer, Wayne Bauer, Tammy Davis, Sara Duffy, Glenn Bailey, Robert Braun, Doug Graf and Jana Selke

Minutes approved March 12, 2019.

AYES:



Tom Wilson



Tom Linkel



Gerald Wendel

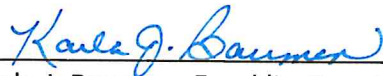
NAYS:

Tom Wilson

Tom Linkel

Gerald Wendel

Attested By:



Karla J. Bauman, Franklin County Auditor